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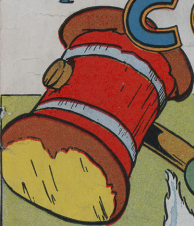
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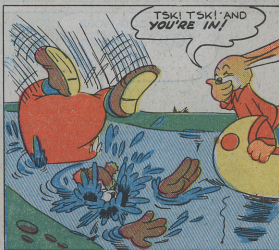
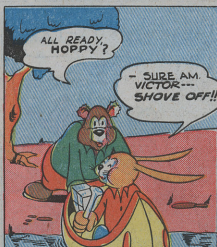
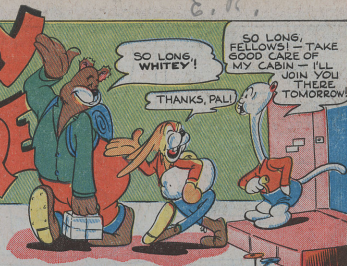
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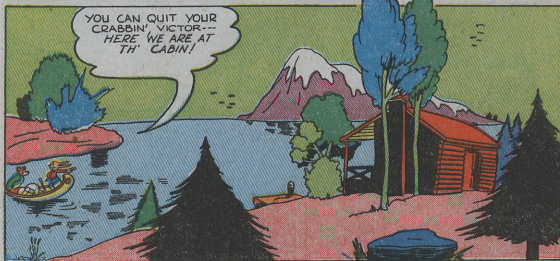
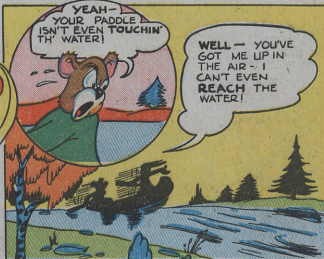
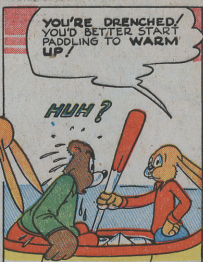
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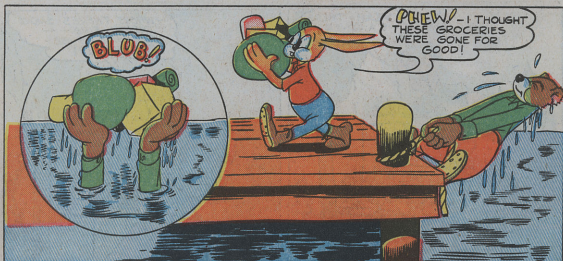
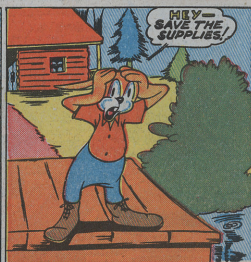
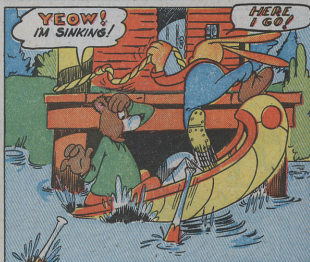
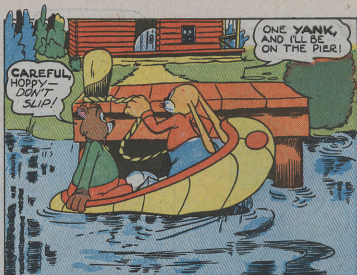
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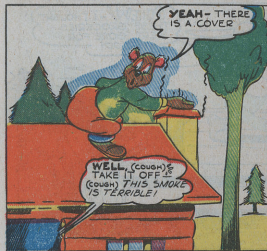
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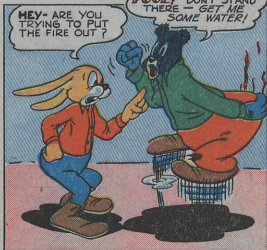
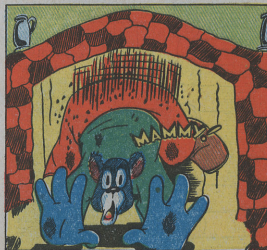
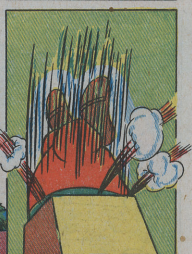
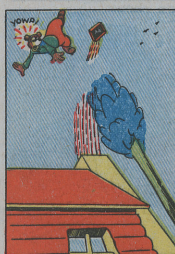
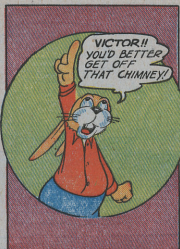
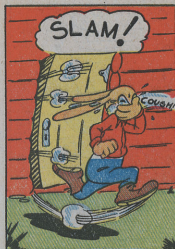
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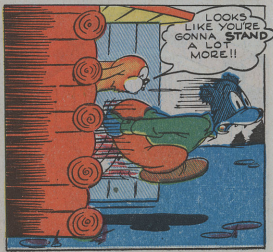
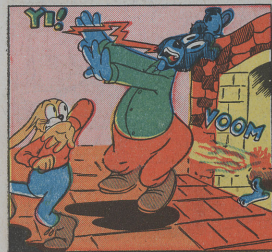
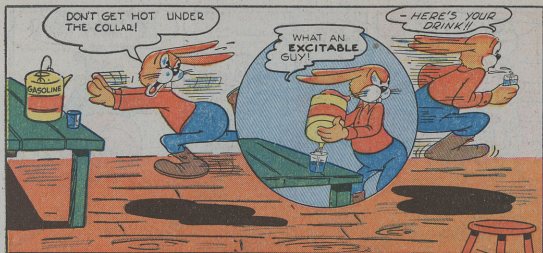


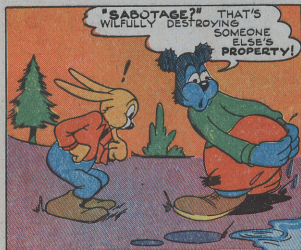
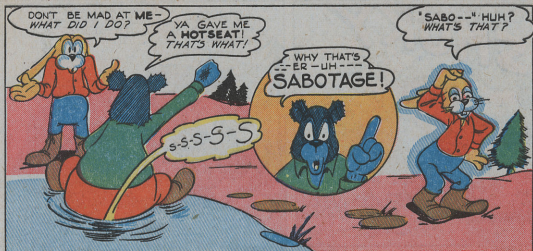


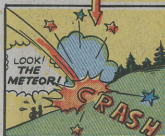
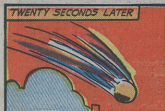
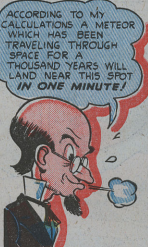
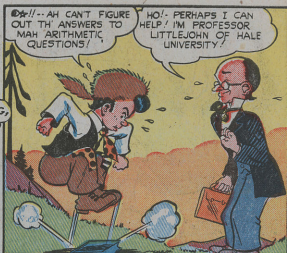




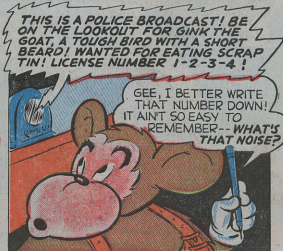
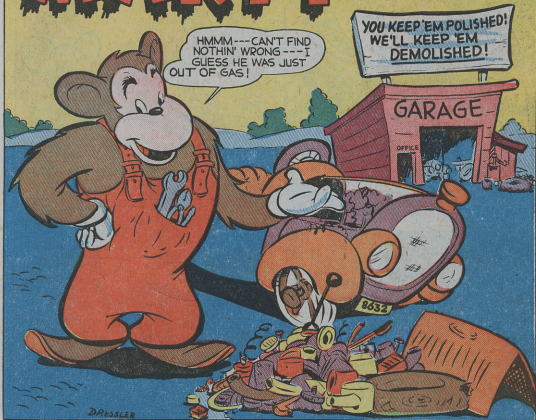








MARTY *THE GREASE MONKEY*

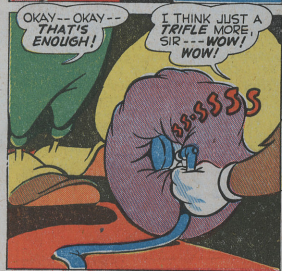


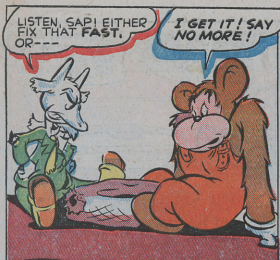
G-GINK THE G-GOAT! A
SHORT BIRD WITH A TOUGH
BEARD! AND LICENCE NO. 1234!!
I MUST STALL HIM OFF ---

SHAKE A LEG,
GREASEMONKEY!
GIMME A
ROAD MAP!

WHY, YOU DUMB
DODO!! THE WINDSHIELD
IS **DOWN!** GET ME THAT
ROAD MAP!

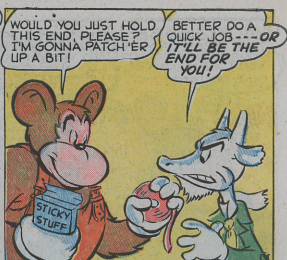
YESSIR
RIGHT AWAY!
W-W-WILL ANY
ROAD DO?
I'LL BE RIGHT
BACK!





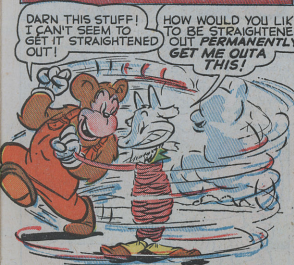
LISTEN, SAPI! EITHER
FIX THAT **FAST**,
OR---

**I GET IT! SAY
NO MORE!**



WOULD YOU JUST HOLD
THIS END, PLEASE?
I'M GONNA PATCH 'ER
UP A BIT!

BETTER DO A
QUICK JOB---OR
**IT'LL BE THE
END FOR
YOU!**



DARN THIS STUFF!
I CAN'T SEEM TO
GET IT STRAIGHTENED
OUT!

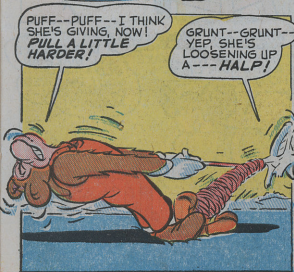
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE
TO BE STRAIGHTENED
OUT **PERMANENTLY?**
**GET ME OUTA
THIS!**



I WISH THOSE
COPS WOULD
GET HERE!

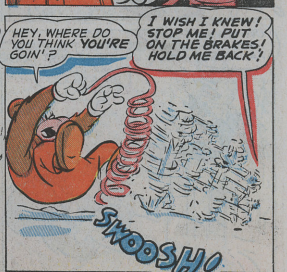
YA BETTER,
DRIBBLEPUSS,
BECAUSE I'M
NOT NO HOUDINI!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL
HAVE YOU OUT OF
THIS IN **NO** TIME!



PUFF--PUFF--I THINK
SHE'S GIVING, NOW!
**PULL A LITTLE
HARDER!**

GRUNT--GRUNT--
YEP, SHE'S
LOOSENING UP
A--- **HALP!**



HEY, WHERE DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOIN'?

**I WISH I KNEW!
STOP ME! PUT
ON THE BRAKES!
HOLD ME BACK!**

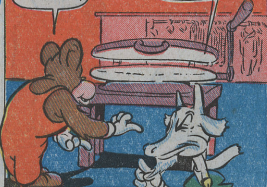
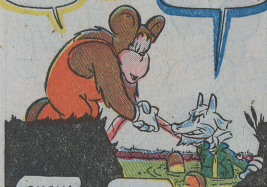
SWOOSH!

SAY, IT'S LUCKY THAT
POOL STOPPED YOU!
COME INTO THE TAILOR'S
AND I'LL PRESS YOUR
SUIT, SIR!

ALL RIGHT, YA APE,
BUT I'M BEGINNIN'
TO THINK YOU'RE
ACTIN' **MIGHTY
SUSPICIOUS!**

NOW, IF YOU'LL JUST
GET IN THERE, I'LL
HAVE YOUR SUIT
PRESSED IN A
SECOND!

SOMETHING
TELLS ME
YOU AIN'T TO
BE TRUSTED!

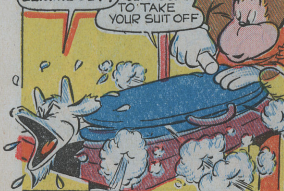


**OUCH!
WHAT D'YA
THINK
YOU'RE
DOIN'?
LEMMÉ OUT!**

MY, BUT
I'M TRULY
SORRY! I
FORGOT--
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO 'TAKE
YOUR SUIT OFF

I'M TRULY SORRY, SIR! IT WAS
MY ERROR! **PLEASE SIT
DOWN!**

LISTEN, PUNK, ARE
YOU ON THE LEVEL?
OR AM I GONNA
HAVE TA DEAL
WID YOU?



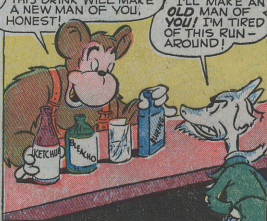
**OW-WWW! I'LL
HAVE YA HIDE
FA THIS!**

DON'T GET BURNED
UP! COME NEXT DOOR
AND I'LL FIX YA
UP A GOOD DRINK!

WHERE ARE THOSE COPS?

THIS DRINK WILL MAKE
A NEW MAN OF YOU,
HONEST!

IF IT DOESN'T,
I'LL MAKE AN
OLD MAN OF
YOU! I'M TIRED
OF THIS RUN-
AROUND!

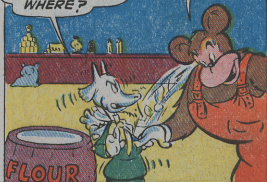
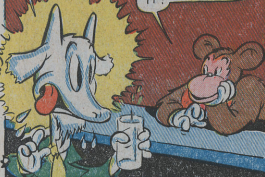


HELP! I'VE BEEN
POISONED! IT'S A
PLOT!

THERE, THERE! COOL
OFF! I MUST HAVE
TAKEN THE WRONG
BOTTLES! DON'T
WORRY, I'LL FIX
IT!

SIT DOWN AND
GET CALM, HUH?
WHERE?

WHY, RIGHT
THERE ---
ON THAT
BARREL!

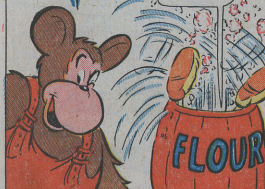


OOPS, SORRY! I
THOUGHT THAT BARREL
HAD A COVER!

YA SHKUNK!
WAIT'LL I
GET OUTTA
THIS! GIMME
A HAND!

JUST A SECOND,
SIR, AND I'LL
DUST YOU OFF!

IF I HAD TIME, I'D
GIVE YOU A DUSTIN'
OFF, YA WORM! I'M
TAKIN' IT ON THE
LAM!

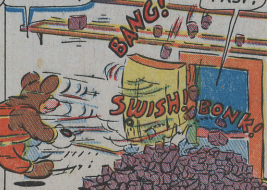
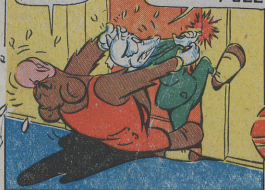


GOSH, THIS IS A
TOUGH DOOR TO
OPEN! DON'T WORRY,
THOUGH! I GOT
POWER!

PULL HARDER,
FA PETE'S SAKE!
I JUST GOTTA
GET OUT! PULL!

GEE--IT OPENED,
BUT ALL THOSE
CANS FELL ON
YOUR HEAD! ARE
YOU HURT?

NOTHIN' LIKE YOU'RE
GONNA BE IF YA
DON'T GET ME
OUT AWAY FROM HERE
FAST!

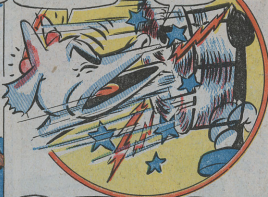
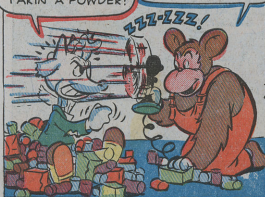


TAKE THAT THING AWAY FROM HERE! TURN IT OFF! I'M TAKIN' A POWDER!

JUST COOL OFF A SECOND! LET ME BRING IT CLOSER!

SHUT IT OFF! STOP IT! AAAH-OOOH!

GEE, I WISH I COULD REMEMBER NOW!

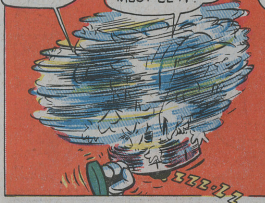


H-HELP! I'LL BE KILLED!

LOOKS LIKE I PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON! THIS MUST BE IT!

I'VE STOOD ENOUGH! I'M GETTIN' OUT FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL! WHERE'S THE DOOR?

(I HAVE IT!) WELL, I'M SORRY YOU'RE LEAVING! THERE'S THE DOOR, OVER THERE!



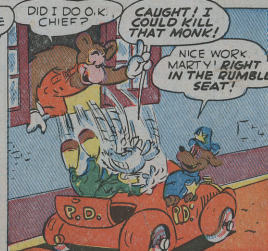
WELL, SO LONG, SIR! I'M HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN OF HELP TO YOU!

SOME DAY I'LL COME BACK AND TURN VA INSIDE OUT! NOW I'M SCRAMMIN'!

DID I DO O.K., CHIEF?

CAUGHT! I COULD KILL THAT MONK!

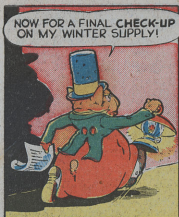
NICE WORK, MARTY! RIGHT IN THE RUMBLE SEAT!



SILAS SKINFLINT

ESQUIRE, OF GROUNDHOG-VILLE





NOW FOR A FINAL CHECK-UP
ON MY WINTER SUPPLY!



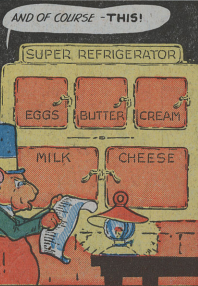
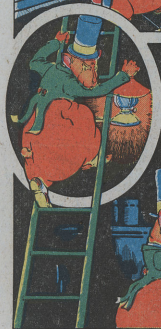
WELL- HERE'S MY BREAKFAST
CEREALS! PLENTY OF THOSE!



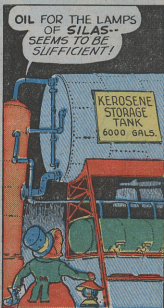
SEEMS TO BE
ENOUGH SWEETS!



PLENTY OF
FLOUR AND
VEGETABLES!



AND OF COURSE -THIS!



OIL FOR THE LAMPS
OF SILAS--
SEEMS TO BE
SUFFICIENT!

LET'S SEE - I HAVE ENOUGH READING MATTER AND GAMES TO WHILE AWAY THE TIME! YEP! I'M ALL SET FOR THE WINTER!



NO USE TO WAIT FOR THE FINAL DAY TO HOLE UP! I'LL LOCK UP NOW FOR THE WINTER AND PHOOEY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

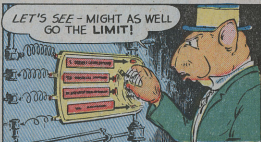


AND SO - OLD S/ IS GOING TO ADJUST THE TIME-SETTING DEVICE FOR HIS AUTOMATIC STEEL ENTRANCE DOOR -

ONCE ADJUSTED, IT CANNOT BE OPENED UNTIL THE SET TIME - WHEN IT WILL OPEN AUTOMATICALLY...

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LET'S SEE - MIGHT AS WELL GO THE LIMIT!

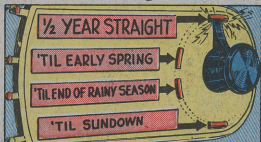


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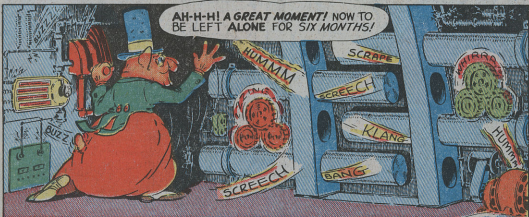
'TIL EARLY SPRING

'TIL END OF RAINY SEASON

'TIL SUNDOWN



AH-H-H! A GREAT MOMENT! NOW TO BE LEFT ALONE FOR SIX MONTHS!

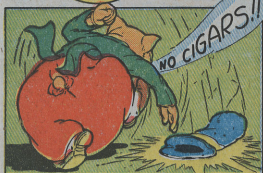
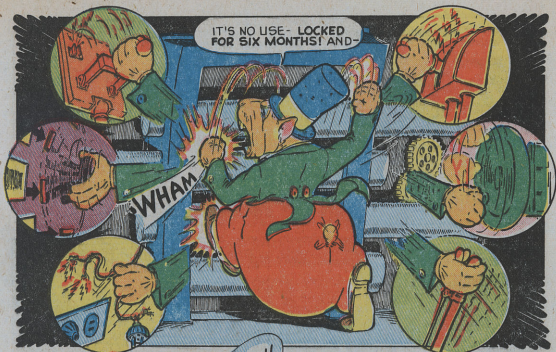


NOW FOR A PEACEFUL CIGAR AND A GOOD BOOK!



CIGARS!
I FORGOT MY CIGARS!





ALWAYS PUT OUT THE LIGHT
WHEN FILLING!



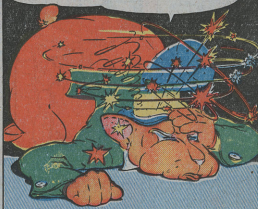
I GUESS *THAT'S* ENOUGH
KEROSENE!

GURGLE
GURGLE
GURGLE

NOW TO LIGHT IT AND
EV'RYTHING WILL BE
ALRIGHT AGAIN!



OH-H-H! NO CIGARS - AND -
NOW NO LIGHTS!

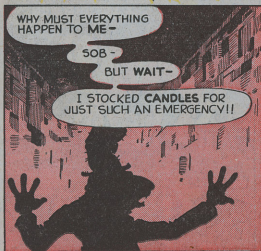


WHY MUST EVERYTHING
HAPPEN TO ME -

SOB -

BUT WAIT -

I STOCKED CANDLES FOR
JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY!!



NOW, WHERE ARE THOSE CANDLES?





BOO-HOO! LOCKED IN FOR SIX LONG MONTHS—NO LIGHTS—FOOD SPOILED—OH-H-H—BOO-HOO!



EXHAUSTED PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, SILAS FALLS INTO A DEEP SLUMBER RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE MESS—

AND—UNNOTICED BY HIM—

—OLD MAN WINTER CAME TO "GROUNDHOG VILLE" WITH ALL HIS MIGHT---



MEANWHILE THE REST OF THE CITIZENS OF GROUNDHOG VILLE ARE HOLDING A MEETING---

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---WE'VE POOLED ALL OUR RESOURCES BUT IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A LONG WINTER THEY'LL NEVER LAST!

WE CAN'T GET THE WEATHER REPORTS! THE RADIO DOESN'T WORK!

THEN ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO VOLUNTEER TO GO OUT AND SEE IF HE CAN SEE HIS SHADOW!



LISTEN! THERE'S A CRY FOR HELP!

IT'S COMING FROM OLD SKINFLINT'S PLACE!

PROBABLY ATE TOO MUCH AND CAN'T GET OFF HIS CHAIR!

BUT WE'LL HAVE TO HELP HIM!

BREAK THROUGH THAT WALL!



WE'RE ALMOST THERE, NOW!



THE POOR MAN'S FROZEN!

WE'LL HAVE YOU ALRIGHT AGAIN IN A JIFFY!



YOU GOOD FOLKS WERE
RIGHT! A MAN CAN'T LIVE
ALONE! AND TO SHOW MY
APPRECIATION - *THE PLACE IS YOURS!*

HURRAY
FOR SILAS!

LONG LIVE SILAS!

THIS IS A GRAND
OLD WORLD AFTER ALL!

CITIZENS OF GROUNDHOG-VILLE! THIS IS
THE LAST DAY OF OUR WINTER CONFINEMENT-
WE JUST NOW RECEIVED A REPORT
FROM

ELLA FANT

AIR RAID WARDEN

BY BILL AND TED HUDSON

WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA!
MAYBE I'LL BE A
HEROINE! TEE-HEE-HEE!

PROTECT YOUR
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY!
JOIN
THE
AIR RAID WARDEN
SERVICE!
SIGN UP NOW!

WHAT COULD THE AIR RAID WARDEN
SERVICE DO WITH A FAT
THING LIKE YOU, DEARIE?
YOU'D MAKE THE BEST BOMB
TARGET IN THE CITY!

YOU AREN'T ANY
GAZELLE YOURSELF,
YOU--YOU HIPPO!
TEE-HEE!

HERE YOU ARE,
ELLA! DO YOUR
DUTY FOR
UNCLE SAM!

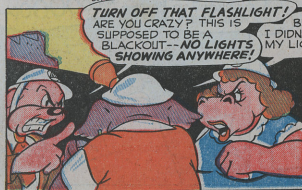
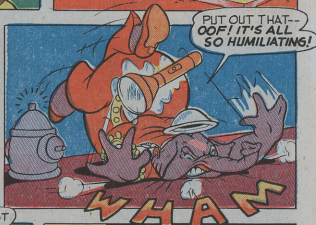
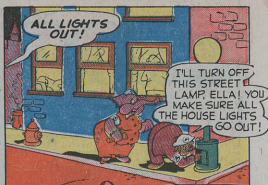
I HAVEN'T
GOT ANY
UNCLES!
TEE-HEE!

UNCLE SAM
MEANS THE
UNITED STATES--
YOU IGNO--
IGNO--
IGNORANIMUS!

**SIGN
UP HERE**

**THE SIREN! IT'S
A BLACKOUT!
EVERBODY TO
YOUR POSTS!**

WOOOOOOOOOOO



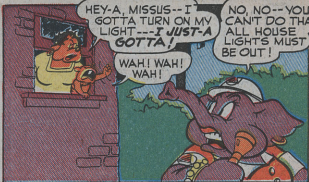
THE DAY SHE MAKES A GOOD
AIR RAID WARDEN-- I'LL SIT
ON THAT FIRE HYDRANT
AND EAT MY BEST SUNDAY
HAT!



HEY-A, MISSUS-- I'
GOTTA TURN ON MY
LIGHT--- I JUST-A
GOTTA!

NO, NO-- YOU
CAN'T DO THAT!
ALL HOUSE
LIGHTS MUST
BE OUT!

WAH! WAH!
WAH!



BUT MY BAMBINO--
HE'S-A CRY! HE'S-A
SCARED OF THE
DARK!

WAH! WAH!
WAH!

THAT'S
EASY! I'LL
FIX
EVERYTHING!

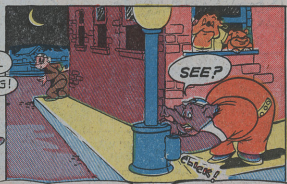


YOU CRAZY IDIOT! WANT
TO SPOIL EVERYTHING?
THE WHOLE BLACKOUT?
TURN OFF THAT
LIGHT!

REMEMBER, I'LL EAT MY
BEST SUNDAY HAT SITTING
ON THE FIRE HYDRANT--
IF ELLA EVER BECOMES
A GOOD WARDEN!

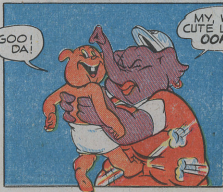
THANK YOU VER-R-RY
MUCH! THAT'S-A
GOOD IDEA!

TELL
YOU WHAT
I'LL DO--
I'LL HOLD
THE BABY OUT HERE FOR
YOU! THEN MAYBE HE WON'T
BE AFRAID!

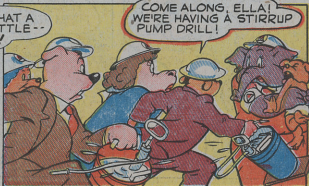


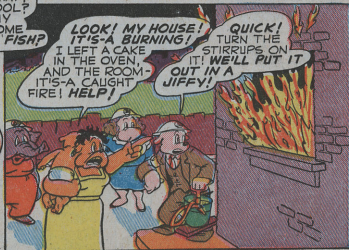
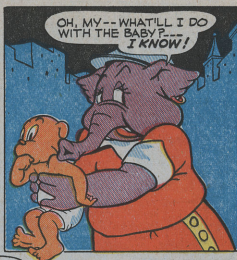
GOO!
DA!

MY, WHAT A
CUTE LITTLE--
OOF!



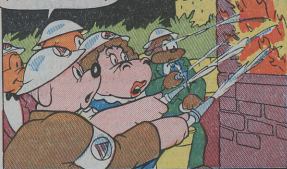
COME ALONG, ELLA!
WE'RE HAVING A STIRRUP
PUMP DRILL!





SOME MOMENTS LATER ---

WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE
AT ALL-- TOO MUCH SPRAY
AND NOT ENOUGH FORCE!
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE
TO GIVE IT UP!



GIVE IT UP? **NONSENSE!**
LET'S SEE WHAT
I CAN DO!



A DEEP BREATH, AND ---A POWERFUL STREAM OF WATER!

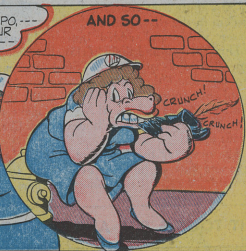


SHE DID IT!
ELLA PUT OUT
THE FIRE!



WELL, HILDA HIPPO, ---
REMEMBER YOUR
PROMISE ---

AND SO --



THE LION AND THE GNAT

A JUNGLE KING STORY by KEN LEEDS



ONG, long ago, when the Lion was really King of Beasts, he began to grow very cruel and harsh. He expected every animal to do his bidding without the slightest question or protest. When an animal came to see him, the Lion insisted on being bowed to several times, and he had to be called "Sire"! If any animal failed to show proper respect in the smallest possible detail, King Leo ordered him executed!

One day Frankie Fox decided they had all stood for enough of this. He called a conference.

"What can we do to make the King realize that there are such things as justice and mercy?" Frankie asked, looking expectantly from face to face.

"None of us is strong enough to fight him!" said Wilberforce Wolf.

"And there isn't enough wisdom in the wise Owl to reason with him," added Lincoln Leopard.

They thought and thought. Finally, Frankie Fox offered a suggestion. "Since we can't convince him either by force or reason, there is only one course left—*trickery*! And I think I know how we can do it! We can make the Lion look so foolish, he'll never act like a tyrant again!"

The next day the Fox went to King Leo's cave and entered humbly. Bowing five times, he said, "Sire, I have come to report that

there is one of your subjects who has shown complete disrespect for you! He will not bow to you, he will not address you as 'Sire', and he will not obey you even in the slightest matter!"

With a ferocious roar, the King leaped to his feet. "Who is it that dares to scorn my power?" he demanded.

"A gnat, Sire," Frankie Fox replied, and released the little insect he held in his paw! Then he withdrew.

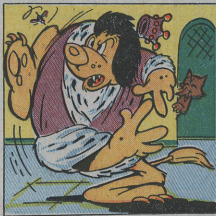
The gnat rose in the air, circled the cave, and then made for the Lion's tawny mane.

The King swung his great paw at it angrily—and missed! The gnat settled comfortably on his neck and began to burrow under the Lion's mane. Roaring furiously, the King slapped at it again—and gashed his neck!

The gnat flew clear and buzzed around the Lion's head. Another mighty swipe missed its goal—but almost crushed King Leo's nose!

By the time the tiny creature decided to leave, the King was a mass of cuts and bruises—and he hadn't once touched his tormentor!

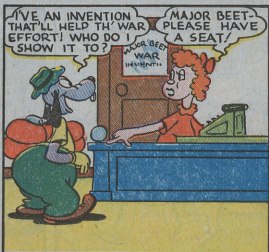
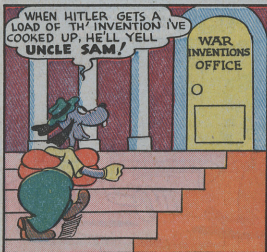
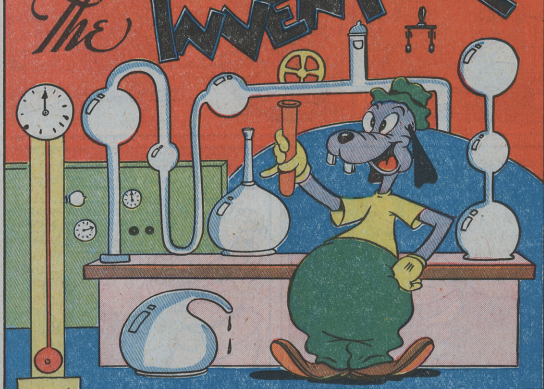
After his unfortunate encounter with the gnat, the other animals of the jungle noticed a considerable change in the attitude of the Lion. He never again seemed to think it so important to demand fawning respect from his subjects. He allowed them to live their own lives as they saw fit—and once more peace and happiness reigned in the jungle!

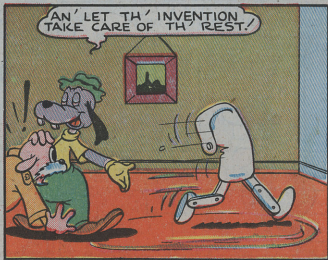
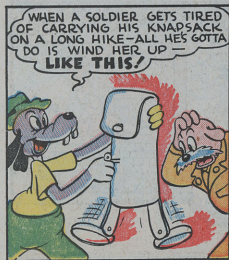
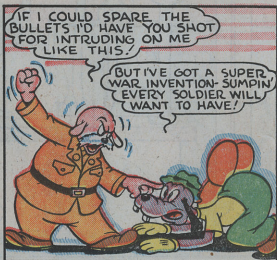
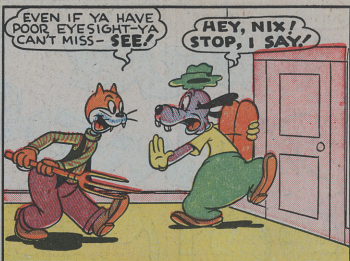


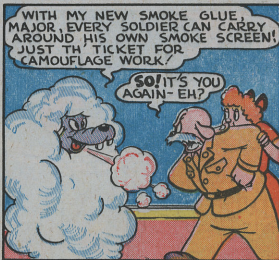
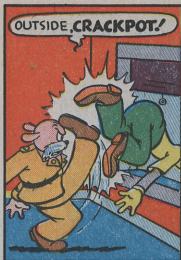
IT TOOK A FOX AND A GNAT TO PUT KING LEO IN HIS PLACE!

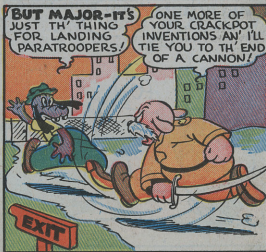
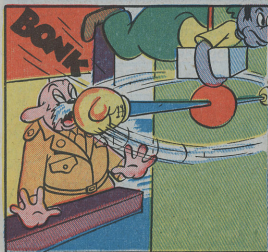
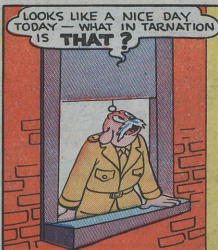
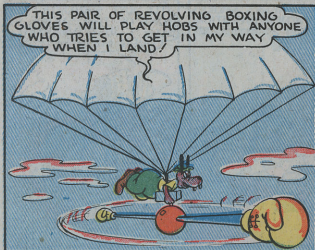
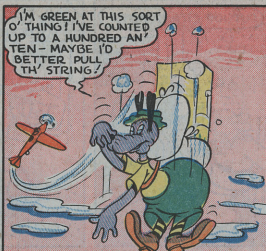
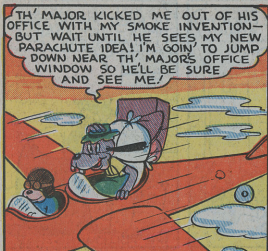
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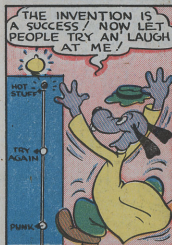
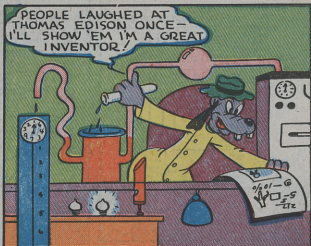
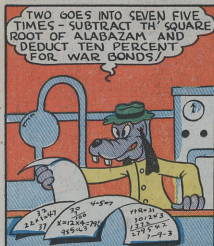
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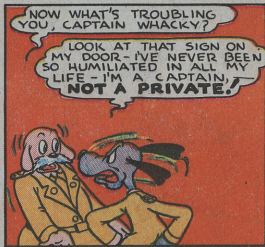
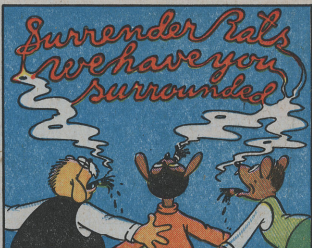








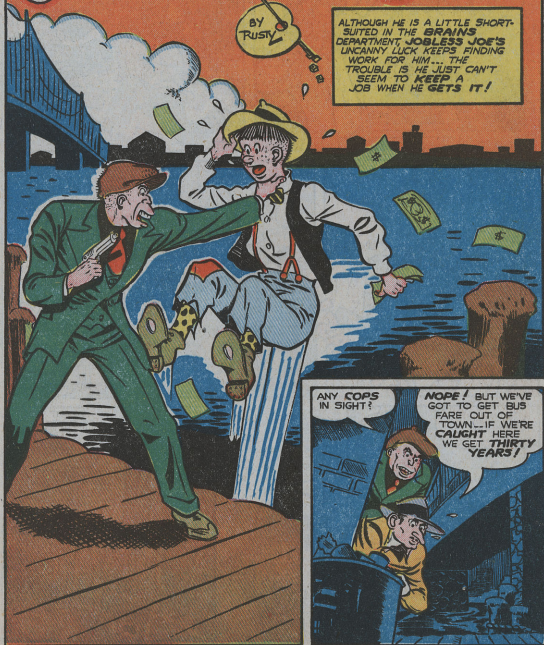




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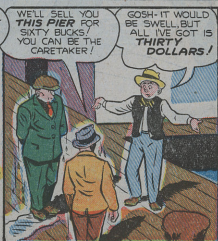
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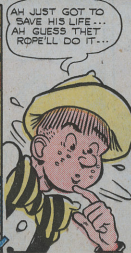
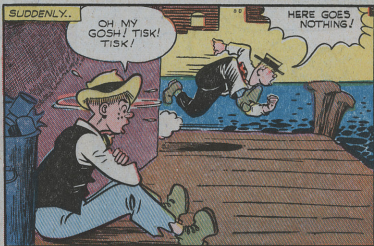
ALTHOUGH HE IS A LITTLE SHORT-SUITED IN THE **BRAINS** DEPARTMENT, **JOBLESS JOE'S** UNCANNY LUCK KEEPS FINDING WORK FOR HIM... THE TROUBLE IS HE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO **KEEP** A JOB WHEN HE **GETS** IT!

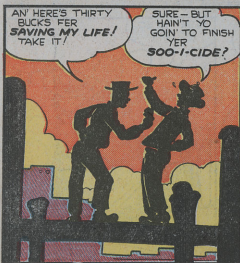
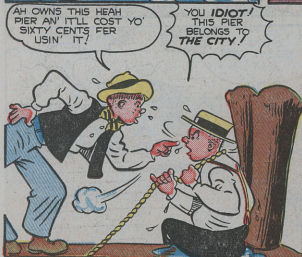
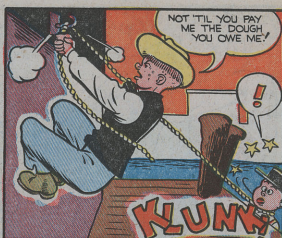
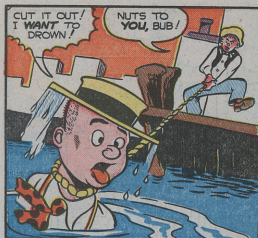


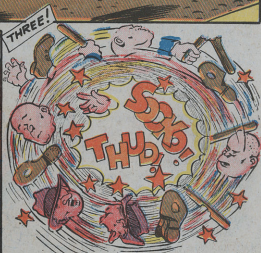
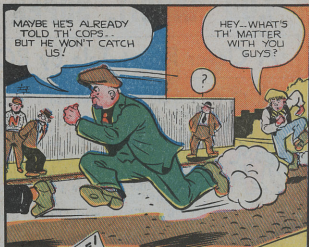
ANY COPS
IN SIGHT?

NOPE! BUT WE'VE
GOT TO GET BUS
FARE OUT OF
TOWN... IF WE'RE
CAUGHT HERE
WE GET **THIRTY**
YEARS!









FINIS

LOU RABBIT, SUPER BOND-SALESMAN

A Clever Forest Tale by RONALD MARKHAM



W ISE old Oliver Owl had a great idea!

Calling together all the young animals he knew, Oliver announced, "How would one of you young people like to win a prize of \$20?"

"Wow!" shouted little

Lou Rabbit. "Lead us to it!"

"What do we have to do?" asked Cromwell Chipmunk. "What's the prize for?"

"Very simple!" explained old Oliver Owl. "It's in a patriotic cause. I am donating \$20

as a prize to whichever one of you goes out and sells the most war bonds in the next twenty-four hours! Our country will benefit, the people you sell the bonds to will benefit—and you'll benefit! How about it?"

"Swell! When do we start?"

"Right now!" answered Oliver. "On your marks... get set... GO!"

There was a mad scramble to the door, and out sped the contestants. Lou Rabbit and Cromwell, the fastest animals there, went through the door like a pair of frightened comets. The others followed as fast as they possibly could, with little Tubby Turtle bringing up the rear.

They zoomed through the town like a swarm of locusts, and when they finished, there wasn't a house or cottage that hadn't been picked clean of every cent available for the purchase of war bonds and stamps. Even old Miser Monk gave generously, because he knew that

this was a chance for both patriotism and profit—at one and the same time!

The animals gathered once again in Oliver Owl's house, and old Oliver began to count the sales. They sat around patiently and eagerly while he listed each dollar and each pledge, item by item. At last he was through.

"I have a little problem here!" Oliver said with a puzzled smile. "It seems that Lou Rabbit and Cromwell Chipmunk each brought in exactly the same amount, and so are tied for the prize! I can't afford to donate two prizes, but—"

"Wait a minute!" cried Lou Rabbit sud-

denly. He hurried up to old Oliver and whispered in his ear. Oliver's face relaxed. "I am pleased to announce," he said briskly, "that Lou Rabbit wins the \$20 prize! The total number of bond sales made by him has just been increased by the purchase of an additional \$25 bond!"

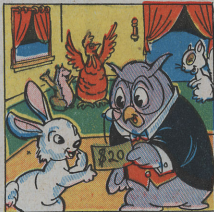
All the animals crowded around. Like the good sport he was, Cromwell Chipmunk shook Lou's hand heartily. "How did

you manage to sell another bond all of a sudden?" he asked.

"That's easy!" Lou grinned. "I bought it myself—that is, I made a pledge to buy it, and I'll pay for it with the prize money!"

Cromwell knew he'd been outsmarted, but he only burst out laughing. "The bond only costs \$18.75!" he said. "What are you going to do with the extra \$1.25?"

"That's easy, too!" Lou answered. "I'm going to buy war stamps with it—and start saving for another bond!"



LITTLE LOU'S BRAIN WON OUT—AND HELPED HIS COUNTRY!

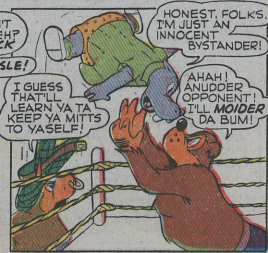
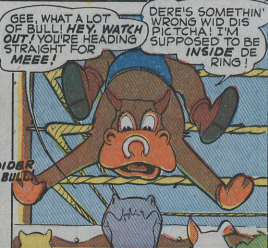
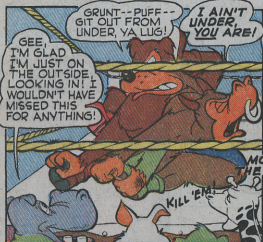
HEFTY

LEARNS the ROPES

BY
Tom Golden

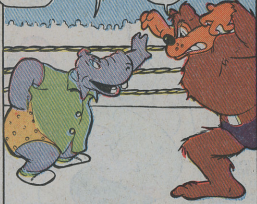


AM I LUCKY! I JUST HAVE THE PRICE OF ADMISSION--BOY, IS THIS GONNA BE FUN!



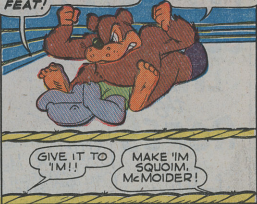
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! COULDN'T WE JUST TALK THIS OVER?

I'LL SAY YA MADE A MISTAKE, BUDDY! I'LL **PULVERIZE** YA!



UGH! HEY, GET OFF ME! GOSH, IF I GET OUTTA THIS - IT'LL BE **SOME FEAT!**

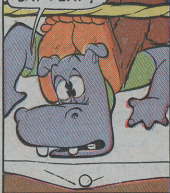
ARE YA READY TA SAY 'UNCLE'?



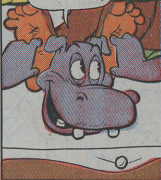
GIVE IT TO 'IM!!

MAKE 'IM SQUOIM, MC MOIDER!

YESSIR, **SOME FEAT!** DID I SAY 'FEAT'?



WELL, I MEANT **FEET!** ITCHY-KITCHY-KOO, MC MOIDER! ARE YA TICKLISH?



HA, HA, HA-- I'LL KILL YA FOR THIS, YA RAT! HO-HO-HO! I'LL TOIN YA INSIDE OUT! HEE-HEE-HEE, I'LL BEATCHA TO A PULP!



I WISHT I COULD TELL WHO'S WHO!

DIS IS A MASSACRE!

DA LITTLE GUY IS SURE NOIVY!

DAT WUZ SOME WALLOP!

WHADDYA THINK O' **DAT, SHRIMPY?**



PLEASE LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF!

YA WANTED TO PLAY SMART, DIDJA?

WOULD YOU MIND IF I WENT HOME, NOW?

TRYIN' TO TAKE A RUN-OUT POWDER, HUHF? **COME AND WRASSLE LIKE A MAN, YA MOUSE!**



GOSH, I FEEL LOWER THAN
A HOLE IN THE GROUND!
HOW'M I GONNA GET OUT
OF HERE?--HEY!



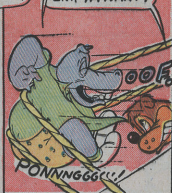
COULDN'T WE STRAIGHTEN
THIS MATTER OUT SOMEHOW?

I'M GONNA STRAIGHTEN
YOU OUT RIGHT NOW!



WELL, WHADDYA KNOW?
RUBBER ROPES!

I'LL HANG YA ON
'EM, YA WART!

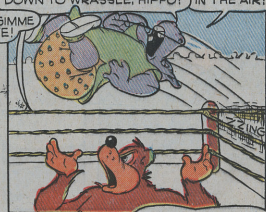
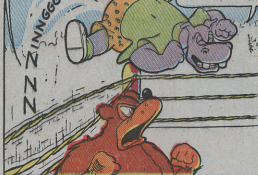


C'MON DOWN AND FIGHT!
YOU AIN'T NO SPITFIRE!

I FEEL LIKE A BLOOMIN'
ACROBAT!-'YA COMIN'
DOWN TO WRASSLE, HIPPO?

OH, DEAR!
I'M ALL UP
IN THE AIR!

OOOHH! WHERE AM I GONNA LAND?
SOMEBODY GIMME
A PARACHUTE!



TROW IN DE
TOWEL!

GOWAN, GIVE 'M
DE TOWEL!

WHY DON'TCHA
GO HOME?

I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE
MADE OUT MY WILL! MY
HEAD'S GOING 'ROUND
AND 'ROUND AND 'ROUND!



YOU'RE GONNA
SUFFER FER DIS, RUNT!
I'LL RIP YA TA SHREDS!

THANKS A LOT FOR
THE TOWEL, SIR!
I WAS CERTAINLY
WRINGING WET!



YOU'RE GONNA WISH YA HAD
STOOD IN BED! *DIS IS DE
END FER YOUSE!*

C-C-COULD I
MEET YOU AFTER
THE PERFORMANCE?

MY NAME IS
HEFTY! WHAT'S
YOURS?

IT'S A FRAME-UP,
THAT'S WHAT IT IS!
I'LL KILL 'IM!

MY NAME
IS HANNAH!
OOOH, YOU'RE
SOOOO
WONDERFUL!

OH, YES! I
THINK YOU'RE
SOOOO BRAVE!

DAT GUY'S AN
ESCAPE ARTIST!
I MUSTA MISSED
MY CALCILATIONS!

W-W-WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE AM I? *HELP!*
*I AIN'T GOT NO
PILOT'S LICENSE!*

I'LL GRIND
'IM TO
POWER!

DO
YOU CARE FOR
STRAWBERRY
ICE CREAM?

I LOVE
STRAWBERRY
ICE CREAM!
IT'S MY
FAVORITE!

CALLING H FOR HANNAH--
H FOR HANNAH--- *COME
AND GET ME DOWN!*

VA
YELLA RAT!
COME DOWN!

NOW WHERE
DID THAT
MC MURDER
GO TO, I
WONDER?

OOF!

BRAY!

YAN!

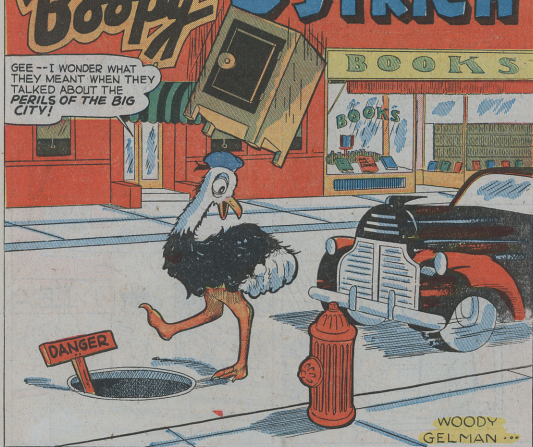
HURRAY!

WHERE DO YOU FOLKS
SUPPOSE MC MURDER
WENT?

THE
WINNAH

Boopy OSTRICH

GEE -- I WONDER WHAT THEY MEANT WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT THE PERILS OF THE BIG CITY!



I WANNA GO TO THE BIG CITY! HOW'S ABOUT IT, POP -- HUH?

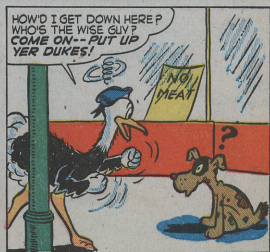
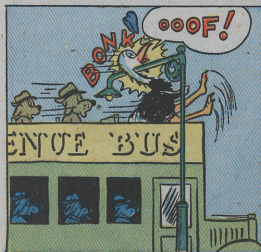
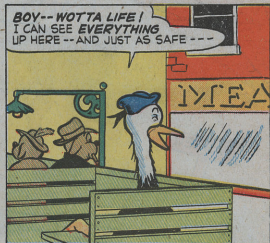
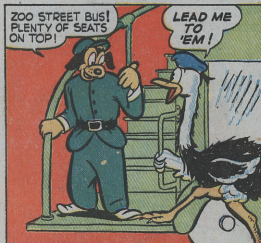
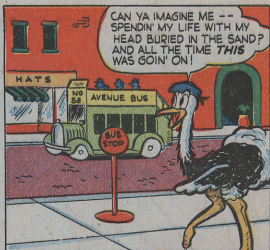
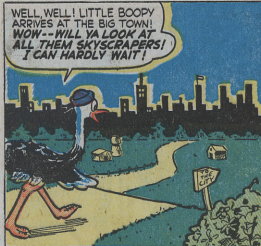
NOTHIN' DOIN', BOOPY! IT'S NO PLACE FOR A YOUNG OSTRICH!

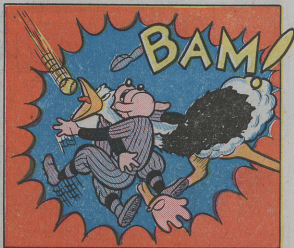
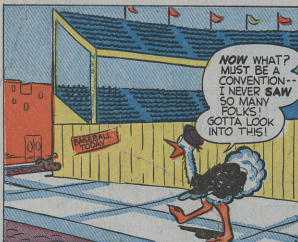


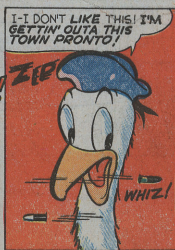
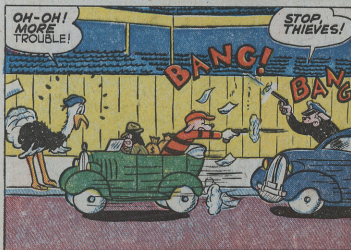
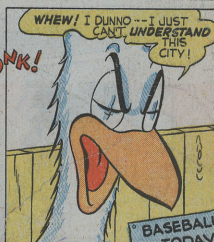
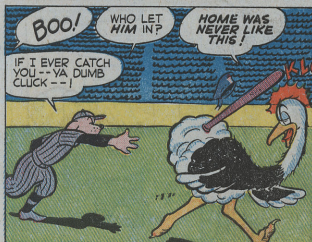
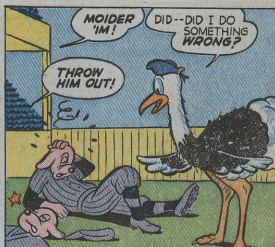
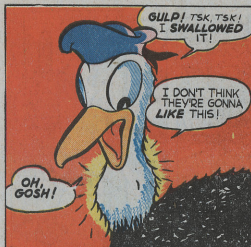
POOH! AS IF THERE'S ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT A CITY! MY MIND'S MADE UP -- I'M GOIN'!

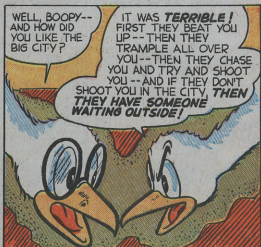
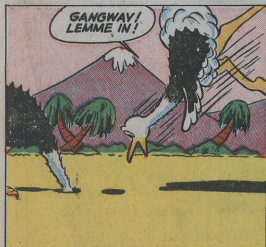
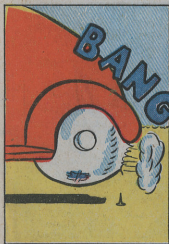
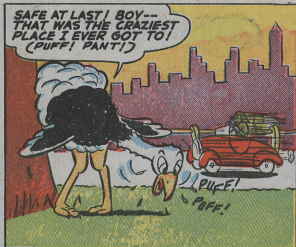
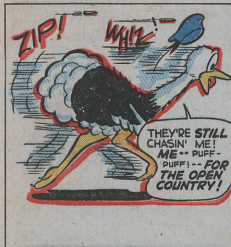
HMMM... IT'LL TEACH YA THERE'S NOTHIN' LIKE GOOD OLD SAND TO BURY YOUR HEAD IN!

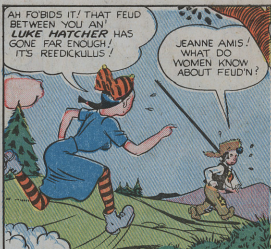












SHOOTING STAR HAS A FALL

AN ANIMAL STORY WITH A MORAL by GLEN LLOYD



“DID you hear the news?” asked Harvie, the colt. “Shooting Star is coming here to rest up for his next big race!”

Old Harry, the retired truckhorse, gasped. “Not the horse who won all the big prizes last year? I wonder what kind of a fellow he is!”

Old Harry found out soon enough. The moment Shooting Star trotted onto the pasture, it was clear he considered himself in a class apart from the other horses. Sniffing disdainfully, he announced grandly, “I’m the fastest horse in the world!”

Some of the swift younger horses weren’t exactly pleased. Flying Fox, the roan, who had always been able to outspeed any of the other animals—but who never boasted about it—tried to bring the racehorse down a peg or two.

“Oh, you’re not such a much!” Flying Fox snorted. “You remember Man O’ War, don’t you? Well, you haven’t *once* equalled the speed records he used to set!”

“That may be!” Shooting Star answered angrily. “But I know *one* thing—I can beat the fastest horse here by five lengths!”

Flying Fox took him up on it at once. “All right—I’ll race you!”

Well, it was as thrilling a race as any put on by the regular racetracks! Flying Fox put everything he had into it, and for a long while they were neck and neck. But then, coming

down the home stretch, Shooting Star showed a tremendous burst of speed, and crossed the finish line six lengths ahead!

There’d be no living with Shooting Star after this—they all knew that. He would lord it over every one of them.

Old Harry, the truck horse, took it on himself to try to remedy the situation. He went up to Shooting Star. “Nice race!” Old Harry said. “Now I suppose you think you can beat any of us, under *any* conditions at all?”

Shooting Star looked down at him. “What do you think, old plug?”

“I think I could beat you, under certain conditions! Are you willing to race *me*, the way I want to race?”

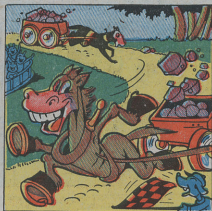
Shooting Star whinnied nastily. “My time is valuable—but I’ll do it!”

He was in for a nasty shock. When race time came, and he saw what he was up against, he almost refused to run altogether. But he wouldn’t back out, and in a moment they were off!

You may not believe it, but Old Harry won by ten

lengths! That’s because they were both in harness, each pulling a heavy wagon laden with five hundred pounds of rocks! And Old Harry was a retired truck horse.

After the race, Old Harry quietly told Shooting Star, “I hope you’ve learned a lesson. Everybody has *something* he can do a little better than the next fellow! So it just doesn’t pay to put on airs about your own specialty—because that other fellow can probably run rings around you in *his*!”



CAN AN OLD PLUG BEAT A RACEHORSE? YOU BET HE CAN!

BANGO BEAR

ANY RESEMBLANCE
BETWEEN HIM AND ME
AIN'T A COINCIDENCE,
FOLKS!



BEN
SOLOMON

IT SAYS HERE "HATCHET-PUSS,
MEET ME UNDER THE DEAD
OAK AT MIDNIGHT! WE'LL
SPLIT EVEN!"--SIGNED
SQUINT-EYE!

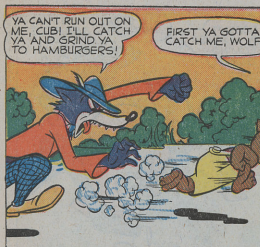
THIS DON'T LOOK
LIKE A TEA PARTY!
I'M GONNA TELL
THE COPS!

PLEASE, SQUINT-EYE,
LEMME DOWN! I
AIN'T USED TO
GREAT HEIGHTS!--
LEMME GO!

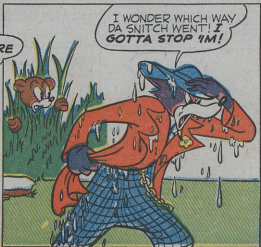
I'M GONNA
MAKE CUTLETS
OUTTA YOU,
SNOOPER!
YOU'RE TOO
NOSEY!

AAAA-OOOOCHI!
WHY, YA LITTLE---

UGH, WHAT A
TASTE! I'LL TAKE
SPINACH!

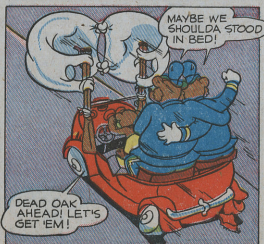
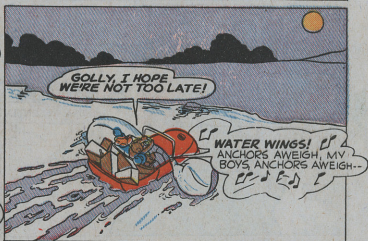


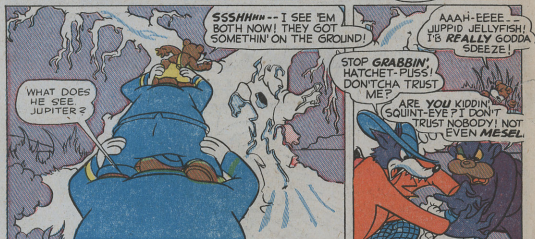
FIRST YA GOTTA CATCH ME, WOLFIE!





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